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1. On 27 April 1951, no flying was observed at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 35) airfield. Forty-five to 47 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines and four-bladed propellers and about 33 jet aircraft with nose wheels, rudder assemblies pointing upward to the rear, and elevator assemblies in the upper third of the rudder assemblies were parked on the southern edge of the field. Some of the low-wing monoplanes and all the jet aircraft were covered with tarpaulins. No other planes were seen at the field. (1)
2. No runways with concrete surface or parking sites were seen. (2) The installations at the field were in poor condition. A main building, about 25 x 90 meters with a four-story center section and two three-story wings, was located at the main entrance to the field. Nearby there were a flight control station with a plexiglass superstructure, two two-story buildings with flat roofs, considerably damaged, a motor vehicle repair shop, a garage, and some buildings which were entirely destroyed. No obstacle lights or serviceable hangars were observed. Two three-axle van-like trucks with a generator were parked on the northern edge of the field. A temporary building, a firing range, and five searchlights 50 meters apart with a generating unit were seen on the southern edge of the field. (3)

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3. Motor vehicles seen at the field included bus 25X1B with a trailer, passenger car 25X1B, occupied by two Soviets wearing blue service color, and jeep 25X1B

25X1A Comments.

- (1) The presence of jet aircraft, which has been reported since 18 April 1951, is thus confirmed. It has not been determined whether the aircraft are MIG-15s or of an LA type. The number observed indicates that aircraft of about regimental strength augmented the fighter regiment previously stationed in Wiener Neustadt. Previous reports, that the Feuerwerksanstalt on the northwestern edge of the field was recently occupied by air force soldiers, indicates that the jet aircraft, with personnel, were transferred to the Wiener Neustadt airfield as a complete and additional regiment. 25X1A

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- (2) The information that no hard surface runway exists at the field is of considerable importance. Contrary to previous beliefs the Soviets do use jet aircraft on airfields with a natural surface.
- (3) The information on the installations at the field confirms the assumption that no important reconditioning or improvement work has been conducted at the field. For sketch of airfield and parking sites of aircraft, see Annex.
- (4) The motor vehicle ~~██████████~~ have not been seen previously but they 25X1B
25X1B belong to ~~██████████~~ previously seen in the Wiener Neustadt area.

1 Annex: 1 sketch on ditto.

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